## Floriculture

alifornia continued to lead the nation with floriculture crops valued at \$1 billion, up a fraction of a percent from the revised 2006 total. Florida, the next largest producer, was up 14 percent from the prior year, with \$915 million in wholesale value for 2007. The number of producers in California declined from 709 in 2006 to 672 in 2007. In Florida, the number of producers declined from 832 in 2006 to 754 in 2007. California and Florida accounted for 47 percent of the 15-state-total wholesale value. The top five states—California, Florida, Michigan, Texas and New York—accounted for 67 percent of the 15-state total value.

California again led the country in cut flower value of production, with \$320 million in wholesale sales from operations with \$100,000 or more in total sales. This 2007 wholesale value was up a fraction of a percent from the revised 2006 valuation, and it accounted for 77 percent of the total cut flower wholesale value in the 15 states. The total wholesale value of California-grown Gerbera daisies, iris, lisianthus and orchids increased substantially for 2007, offsetting decreases in other cut flower crops.

Total wholesale cut flower value also increased slightly in Washington, the second largest producer, while the total wholesale value declined in Florida and Hawaii. The total wholesale value of cut flower crops in the 15-state program increased nearly 1 percent to \$416 million. The number of cut flower producers, on the other hand, declined 8 percent, from 380 in 2006 to 349 for 2007.

California also led in annual bedding and garden plant value of production, a category that accounted for 18 percent of the total wholesale value of floriculture crops grown by operations with \$100,000 or more in sales. Wholesale value of California-grown bedding

and garden plants declined slightly compared with 2006 to approximately \$222 million.

Wholesale value of Michigan floriculture crops, the second largest state behind California, increased slightly to \$193 million. Third-largest Texas reported an 8 percent decrease in wholesale value. Overall, total wholesale value of annual bedding and garden plant crops in the 15 states decreased nearly 4 percent to \$1.26 billion. The number of growers producing annual bedding and garden plants also declined by 12 percent, from 1,965 in 2006 to 1,734 for 2007.

California also continued to lead the country in potted flowering plant value of production for 2007, with a total of \$202 million produced by all operations with \$100,000 or more. This is a 2 percent increase over the revised 2006 valuation. California again accounted for 31 percent of the 15-state total wholesale value reported. Florida, the second largest producer of potted flowering plants, accounted for 22 percent of the total with \$142 million wholesale.

Within the potted flowering plant category, potted orchid production continued to lead in California with crops valued at \$56.5 million, up a fraction of a percent from the revised 2006 wholesale value. Production of potted orchids, potted poinsettias and potted florist chrysanthemums together accounted for more than 50 percent of the wholesale value of California-grown potted flowering plants. The total wholesale value of potted flowering plant crops in the 15-state program increased more than 6 percent to \$661 million.

| Floriculture Production and Value for Operations with \$100,000+ Sales, 2006 <sup>1</sup> |                        |         |                    |                      |  |  |  |
|---|------------------------|---------|--------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|
| Kind  | Number of<br>Producers | Unit    | Number Sold  1,000 | Wholesale<br>Percent | Wholesale<br>Price <sup>2</sup><br>Dollars | Value of Sale<br>at Wholesale<br>\$1,000 |  |
| CUT FLOWERS   |                        |         |                    |                      |  | 318,667                                  |  |
| Alstroemeria  | 25                     | Stems   | 7,871              | 97                   | 0.00                                       | 1,385                                    |  |
| Carnations, Standard  | 13                     | Stems   | 5,086              | 94                   | 0.00                                       | 870                                      |  |
| Chrysanthemums, Pompon  | 21                     | Bunches | 10,145             | 100                  | 1.24                                       | 12,580                                   |  |
| Delphinium and Larkspur   | 40                     | Stems   | 24,025             | 99                   | 0.00                                       | 5,117                                    |  |
| Gerbera Daisy   | 34                     | Stems   | 110,641            | 100                  | 0.00                                       | 32,971                                   |  |
| Iris  | 34                     | Stems   | 67,800             | 100                  | 0.00                                       | 15,458                                   |  |
| Lilies, All   | 50                     | Stems   | 97,208             | 100                  | 0.00                                       | 66,685                                   |  |
| Lisianthus  | 33                     | Stems   | 7,847              | 99                   | 0.00                                       | 3,296                                    |  |
| Orchids, All  | 15                     | Blooms  | 4,843              | 99                   | 0.00                                       | 8,306                                    |  |
|   |                        |         |                    |                      |  |  |  |
| Roses, All  | 32                     | Stems   | 72,946             | 99                   | 0.00                                       | 26,917                                   |  |
| Snapdragons   | 41                     | Spikes  | 33,149             | 100                  | 0.00                                       | 8,586                                    |  |
| Tulips <sup>3</sup>   | _                      | _       | _                  | _                    | _  | _  |  |
| Other Cut Flowers   | 130                    | _       | _                  | 98                   | _  | 100,589                                  |  |
| POTTED FLOWERING PLANTS   |                        |         |                    |                      |  | 199,262                                  |  |
| African Violets   | 13                     | Pots    | 1,067              | 100                  | 1.35                                       | 1,438                                    |  |
| Finished Florist Azaleas <sup>3</sup>   | _                      | _       | _                  | _                    | _  | · —                                      |  |
| Chrysanthemums, Florist   | 20                     | Pots    | 4,059              | 100                  | 3.31                                       | 13,453                                   |  |
| Lilies, Easter  | 24                     | Pots    | 1,391              | 100                  | 3.91                                       | 5,447                                    |  |
| Orchids   | 42                     | Pots    | 6,437              | 97                   | 8.74                                       | 56,243                                   |  |
| Poinsettias   |                        |         |                    | 95                   |  |  |  |
|   | 81                     | Pots    | 8,087              |                      | 4.57                                       | 36,935                                   |  |
| Roses, Florist <sup>3</sup>   | _                      | _       | _                  | _                    | _  |  |  |
| Spring Flowering Bulbs  | 39                     | Pots    | 3,833              | 100                  | 2.85                                       | 10,907                                   |  |
| Other Potted Flowering Plants   | 70                     | Pots    | 19,341             | 99                   | 3.03                                       | 58,566                                   |  |
| FOLIAGE PLANTS FOR INDOOR OR PATIO USE  |                        |         |                    |                      |  | 98,333                                   |  |
| Hanging Baskets   | 65                     | Baskets | 2,939              | 99                   | 3.70                                       | 10,874                                   |  |
| Potted Foliage  | 93                     | _       | _                  | 97                   | _  | 87,459                                   |  |
| ANNUAL BEDDING/GARDEN PLANTS  |                        |         |                    |                      |  | 292,092                                  |  |
| Flats   |                        |         |                    |                      |  | ,  |  |
| Begonias  | 43                     | Flats   | 361                | 95                   | 8.93                                       | 3,224                                    |  |
| Geraniums, Cutting  | 16                     | Flats   | 122                | 89                   | 12.59                                      | 1,536                                    |  |
|   |                        |         |                    |                      |  |  |  |
| Geraniums, Seed   | 14                     | Flats   | 57                 | 96                   | 10.41                                      | 593                                      |  |
| Impatiens   | 52                     | Flats   | 1,383              | 99                   | 9.43                                       | 13,042                                   |  |
| Impatiens, New Guinea   | 11                     | Flats   | 48                 | 92                   | 9.54                                       | 458                                      |  |
| Marigolds   | 53                     | Flats   | 783                | 98                   | 10.05                                      | 7,869                                    |  |
| Pansy/Viola   | 55                     | Flats   | 1,346              | 98                   | 9.43                                       | 12,693                                   |  |
| Petunias  | 53                     | Flats   | 1,159              | 98                   | 9.70                                       | 11,242                                   |  |
| Other Flowering and Foliar  | 56                     | Flats   | 8,635              | 100                  | 8.34                                       | 72,016                                   |  |
| Vegetable Type  | 44                     | Flats   | 983                | 99                   | 11.63                                      | 11,432                                   |  |
| Potted  |                        |         |                    |                      |  |  |  |
| Begonias  | 54                     | Pots    | 2,788              | 82                   | 1.02                                       | 2,834                                    |  |
|   | 53                     | Pots    | 6,599              | 99                   | 1.64                                       |  |  |
| Geraniums, Cutting  |                        |         |                    |                      |  | 10,848                                   |  |
| Geraniums, Seed   | 21                     | Pots    | 381                | 99                   | 1.23                                       | 467                                      |  |
| Impatiens   | 49                     | Pots    | 6,330              | 90                   | 0.98                                       | 6,207                                    |  |
| Impatiens, New Guinea   | 47                     | Pots    | 1,128              | 99                   | 1.70                                       | 1,919                                    |  |
| Marigolds   | 39                     | Pots    | 1,450              | 89                   | 0.81                                       | 1,170                                    |  |
| Pansy/Viola   | 46                     | Pots    | 4,405              | 91                   | 0.78                                       | 3,441                                    |  |
| Petunias  | 44                     | Pots    | 2,775              | 94                   | 0.85                                       | 2,360                                    |  |
| Other Flowering and Foliar  | 58                     | Pots    | 30,734             | 98                   | 1.39                                       | 42,834                                   |  |
| Vegetable Type  | 39                     | Pots    | 7,808              | 99                   | 1.14                                       | 8,863                                    |  |

| Kind                                     |                        | Sales   |                      |                      | Wholesale                  | Value of Sales          |
|--|------------------------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
|  | Number of<br>Producers | Unit    | Number Sold<br>1,000 | Wholesale<br>Percent | Price <sup>2</sup> Dollars | at Wholesale<br>\$1,000 |
| Hanging Baskets                          |                        |         |                      |                      |                            |                         |
| Begonias                                 | 19                     | Baskets | 41                   | 95                   | 8.01                       | 328                     |
| Geraniums, Cutting                       | 29                     | Baskets | 160                  | 98                   | 6.99                       | 1,118                   |
| Geraniums, Seed                          | 6                      | Baskets | 6                    | 79                   | 7.86                       | 47                      |
| Impatiens                                | 21                     | Baskets | 59                   | 94                   | 6.63                       | 391                     |
| Impatiens, New Guinea                    | 20                     | Baskets | 45                   | 98                   | 7.40                       | 333                     |
| Marigolds <sup>3</sup>                   | _                      | _       | _                    | _                    | _                          | _                       |
| Pansy/Viola                              | _                      | Baskets | _                    | _                    | _                          | _                       |
| Petunias                                 | 20                     | Baskets | 50                   | 97                   | 8.12                       | 406                     |
| Other Flowering                          | 26                     | Baskets | 894                  | 100                  | 8.06                       | 7,206                   |
| Herbaceous Perennials <sup>4</sup>       |                        |         |                      |                      |                            |                         |
| Chrysanthemums, Hardy/Garden             | 38                     | Pots    | 7,171                | 100                  | 1.34                       | 9,580                   |
| Hosta                                    | 21                     | Pots    | 100                  | 91                   | 3.69                       | 369                     |
| Other                                    | 82                     | Pots    | 23,129               | 97                   | 2.49                       | 57,229                  |
| TOTAL CUT CULTIVATED GREENS <sup>5</sup> | 38                     | _       | _                    | 100                  | _                          | 12,760                  |
| PROPAGATIVE (UNFINISHED)                 |                        |         |                      |                      |                            | 66,006                  |
| Cut Flowers                              | _                      | _       | _                    | _                    | _                          | 3,288                   |
| Potted Flowering Plants                  | _                      | _       | _                    | _                    | _                          | 14,730                  |
| Bedding/Garden Plants                    | _                      | _       | _                    | _                    | _                          | 37,610                  |
| Herbaceous Perennial Plants              | _                      | _       | _                    | _                    | _                          | 7,291                   |
| Foliage Plants <sup>3</sup>              | _                      | _       | _                    | _                    | _                          | _                       |
| TOTAL ALL PLANTS                         | _                      | _       | _                    | _                    | _                          | 987,120                 |

The total covered growing area of 116,649,000 square feet consisted of the following: 23,663,000 square feet of shade and temporary cover; 10,321,000 square feet of glass; 32,202,000 square feet of fiberglass and other rigid greenhouses; 50,463,000 square feet of film plastic (single/multi) greenhouses; and 7,371 acres of open ground.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  For potted plants, price represents a weighted average for plants sold in pots less than 5 inches and in pots 5 inches or more.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Included in state totals to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Pot price is a weighted average of all pots to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Total includes Leatherleaf Ferns, which are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

|  | ection and Value for Operations with \$100,000+ Sales, 2007 <sup>1</sup> |                |                      |                   |                    |                 |  |
|--|--|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| Kind   |  |                | Sales                |                   | Wholesale          | Value of Sale   |  |
|  | Number of<br>Producers   | Unit           | Number Sold<br>1,000 | Wholesale Percent | Price <sup>2</sup> | at Wholesal     |  |
|  |  |                |                      |                   | Dollars            | \$1,000         |  |
| CUT FLOWERS                                  |  |                |                      |                   |                    | 320,036         |  |
| Alstroemeria                                 | 23   | Stems          | 8,477                | 97                | 0.00               | 1,399           |  |
| Carnations, Standard                         | 7  | Stems          | 3,176                | 100               | 0.00               | 578             |  |
| Chrysanthemums, Pompon                       | 17   | Bunches        | 9,917                | 100               | 1.26               | 12,495          |  |
| Delphinium and Larkspur                      | 34   | Stems          | 21,508               | 100               | 0.00               | 4,409           |  |
| Gerbera Daisy                                | 31   | Stems          | 112,795              | 100               | 0.00               | 33,726          |  |
| Iris   | 27   | Stems          | 70,614               | 100               | 0.00               | 15,747          |  |
| Lilies, All                                  | 42   | Stems          | 98,609               | 100               | 0.00               | 65,476          |  |
|  |  |                |                      |                   |                    |                 |  |
| Lisianthus                                   | 26   | Stems          | 9,675                | 99                | 0.00               | 3,618           |  |
| Orchids, All                                 | 12   | Blooms         | 5,656                | 100               | 0.00               | 8,970           |  |
| Roses, All                                   | 31   | Stems          | 65,322               | 98                | 0.00               | 25,933          |  |
| Snapdragons                                  | 32   | Spikes         | 30,335               | 99                | 0.00               | 7,038           |  |
| Tulips <sup>3</sup>                          | _  | _              | _                    | _                 | _                  | _               |  |
| Other Cut Flowers                            | 112  | _              | _                    | 98                | _                  | 100,163         |  |
| POTTED FLOWERING PLANTS                      |  |                |                      |                   |                    | 202,476         |  |
| African Violets                              | 13   | Pots           | 1,032                | 100               | 1.36               | 1,402           |  |
| Finished Florist Azaleas <sup>3</sup>        | _  | _              | _                    | _                 | _                  | _               |  |
| Chrysanthemums, Florist                      | 20   | Pots           | 4,457                | 100               | 3.36               | 14,962          |  |
| Lilies, Easter                               | 24   | Pots           | 1,612                | 100               | 4.09               | 6,599           |  |
| Orchids                                      | 37   | Pots           | 6,509                | 97                | 8.68               | 56,473          |  |
|  | 73   |                |                      |                   | 4.17               |                 |  |
| Poinsettias                                  |  | Pots           | 7,372                | 95                |                    | 30,762          |  |
| Roses, Florist <sup>3</sup>                  | _  | _              | _                    | _                 | _                  |                 |  |
| Spring Flowering Bulbs                       | 36   | Pots           | 3,250                | 100               | 2.67               | 8,663           |  |
| Other Potted Flowering Plants                | 70   | Pots           | 19,548               | 99                | 3.38               | 66,035          |  |
| FOLIAGE PLANTS FOR INDOOR OR PATIO USE       |  |                |                      |                   |                    | 104,014         |  |
| Hanging Baskets                              | 63   | Baskets        | 2,758                | 100               | 4.20               | 11,584          |  |
| Potted Foliage                               | 98   | _              | _                    | 97                | _                  | 92,430          |  |
| ANNUAL BEDDING/GARDEN PLANTS                 |  |                |                      |                   |                    | 284,251         |  |
| Flats  |  |                |                      |                   |                    |                 |  |
| Begonias                                     | 47   | Flats          | 353                  | 97                | 8.85               | 3,124           |  |
| Geraniums, Cutting                           | 15   | Flats          | 134                  | 100               | 11.80              | 1,581           |  |
| Geraniums, Seed                              | 15   | Flats          | 68                   | 97                | 10.68              | 726             |  |
| Impatiens                                    | 56   | Flats          | 1,263                | 98                | 9.26               | 11,695          |  |
| Impatiens, New Guinea                        | 10   | Flats          | 56                   | 93                | 10.18              | 570             |  |
| Marigolds                                    | 51   | Flats          | 774                  | 98                | 10.41              | 8,057           |  |
| 9  | 56   |                |                      |                   |                    |                 |  |
| Pansy/Viola                                  |  | Flats          | 1,334                | 99                | 10.07              | 13,433          |  |
| Petunias                                     | 52   | Flats          | 1,076                | 99                | 10.16              | 10,932          |  |
| Other Flowering and Foliar<br>Vegetable Type | 53<br>40   | Flats<br>Flats | 8,499<br>722         | 100<br>99         | 8.59<br>12.11      | 73,006<br>8,743 |  |
| · .  |  |                |                      |                   |                    | , -             |  |
| Potted<br>Begonias                           | 44   | Pots           | 2,221                | 80                | 1.10               | 2,438           |  |
| Geraniums, Cutting                           | 49   | Pots           | 4,596                | 99                | 1.89               | 8,696           |  |
|  |  |                |                      |                   |                    |                 |  |
| Geraniums, Seed                              | 24   | Pots           | 399                  | 98                | 1.23               | 491             |  |
| Impatiens                                    | 45   | Pots           | 5,531                | 87                | 1.01               | 5,591           |  |
| Impatiens, New Guinea                        | 43   | Pots           | 823                  | 98                | 1.74               | 1,428           |  |
| Marigolds                                    | 36   | Pots           | 1,564                | 92                | 0.80               | 1,246           |  |
| Pansy/Viola                                  | 39   | Pots           | 5,261                | 92                | 0.78               | 4,083           |  |
| Petunias                                     | 39   | Pots           | 3,599                | 96                | 0.80               | 2,866           |  |
| Other Flowering and Foliar                   | 53   | Pots           | 32,033               | 98                | 1.52               | 48,658          |  |
| Vegetable Type                               | 39   | Pots           | 5,343                | 97                | 1.08               | 5,767           |  |

| Kind                               |           | Sales   |             |                    |  |   |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|--------------------|--|---|
|                                    | Number of | Unit    | Number Sold | Wholesale  Percent | Wholesale<br>Price <sup>2</sup><br>Dollars | Value of Sales<br>at Wholesale<br>\$1,000 |
|                                    | Producers |         | 1,000       |                    |  |   |
| Hanging Baskets                    |           |         |             |                    |  |   |
| Begonias                           | 18        | Baskets | 38          | 100                | 7.96                                       | 302                                       |
| Geraniums, Cutting                 | 25        | Baskets | 115         | 100                | 7.76                                       | 892                                       |
| Geraniums, Seed                    | 7         | Baskets | 3           | 75                 | 7.51                                       | 23  |
| Impatiens                          | 18        | Baskets | 70          | 98                 | 7.82                                       | 547                                       |
| Impatiens, New Guinea              | 18        | Baskets | 28          | 99                 | 8.56                                       | 240                                       |
| Marigolds <sup>3</sup>             | _         | _       | _           | _                  | _  | _   |
| Pansy/Viola                        | 7         | Baskets | 5           | 100                | 7.68                                       | 38  |
| Petunias                           | 19        | Baskets | 32          | 100                | 8.08                                       | 259                                       |
| Other Flowering                    | 20        | Baskets | 748         | 99                 | 8.32                                       | 6,223                                     |
| Herbaceous Perennials <sup>4</sup> |           |         |             |                    |  |   |
| Chrysanthemums, Hardy/Garden       | 37        | Pots    | 5,957       | 100                | 1.26                                       | 7,545                                     |
| Hosta                              | 22        | Pots    | 112         | 97                 | 3.63                                       | 407                                       |
| Other                              | 84        | Pots    | 22,069      | 98                 | 2.48                                       | 54,644                                    |
| TOTAL CUT CULTIVATED GREENS 5      | 36        | _       | _           | 100                | _  | 12,862                                    |
| PROPAGATIVE (UNFINISHED)           |           |         |             |                    |  | 67,757                                    |
| Cut Flowers                        | _         | _       | _           | _                  | _  | 3,686                                     |
| Potted Flowering Plants            | _         | _       | _           | _                  | _  | 14,869                                    |
| Bedding/Garden Plants              | _         | _       | _           | _                  | _  | 37,264                                    |
| Herbaceous Perennial Plants        | _         | _       | _           | _                  | _  | 7,352                                     |
| Foliage Plants <sup>3</sup>        | _         | _       | _           | _                  | _  | _   |
| TOTAL ALL PLANTS                   | _         | _       | _           | _                  | _  | 991,396                                   |

The total covered growing area of 116,621,000 square feet consisted of the following: 22,830,000 square feet of shade and temporary cover; 8,780,000 square feet of glass; 32,764,000 square feet of fiberglass and other rigid greenhouses; 52,247,000 square feet of film plastic (single/multi) greenhouses; and 6,950 acres of open ground.

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